

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL WINTER MEETING OF THE VERMONT BOTANICAL CLUB held at the University of Vermont, Burlington, on the 24th and 25th of January, was the most successful of any in the history of the Club. More than fifty botanists were present, and fifteen names were added to the membership. The program included twenty-three papers, representing a wide range of taxonomic, morphological, physiological, and economic subjects. Among cryptogams thirteen species of mosses and seven of algae new to the State were listed. Mrs. Frances B. Horton reported finding *Dryopteris simulata* Dav. at Brattleboro', the first record for Vermont, and *Lygodium palmatum* Swartz only twelve miles distant in New Hampshire. A large number of flowering plants has been added to the local flora of Burlington, and sixty-four species new to the state have been reported since the publication of the Flora a little over a year ago. The problems of forestry aroused much interest, and the need of enlightenment in this field for the purpose of awakening general action and influencing legislation was emphasized. Nature study and the botanical work of secondary schools received attention in several papers. President Brainerd suggested as the chief problems for the next season the careful study of such critical groups as *Viola*, *Rubus* and *Crataegus*. The address by Professor B. L. Robinson on Some Recent Advances in the Classification of the Flowering Plants, in which an outline of the history of taxonomic systems was followed by a most lucid exposition of the Eichlerian principles as developed by Engler and Prantl, was listened to with great interest by a number of persons outside the ranks of working botanists as well as by the members of the Club. The officers were re-elected as follows: President Ezra Brainerd of Middlebury College, president; Mr. C. G. Pringle, vice-president; Professor L. R. Jones, secretary. The field meeting next summer will take the form of an excursion to the islands and shores of Lake Champlain.—T. E. HAZEN.

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